

The Times' Daily Short Story.

A QUEER CASE

(Original.)

It was a hot evening and I determined to take a stroll in the park. I sauntered about aimlessly, looking at other saunterers and puffing a cigar, while night was giving place to twilight. Noticing a crowd collected near one of the little thickets with which the park abounds, I went to see what attracted it. Pushing my way forward, I saw a young woman lying on her back, pale and rigid. She had just been discovered in the thicket, dead. She had been murdered.

The moment I looked at her it seemed that I had seen her before. Indeed, the face was quite familiar. Nevertheless I could not connect her features with those of any human being I had ever known.

I had been traveling in Europe shortly before this, and had left my family in Florence, Italy. One day I received from my daughter one of the pictorial postal cards so much used abroad, and what was my astonishment to see on it the picture of the girl who had been murdered. For a while I was more puzzled than ever, but suddenly it occurred to me that it was the picture on the postal card that I had seen before, and not the girl herself. While in Florence I had written several messages on these cards.

I expected to go over soon to bring my family home. I therefore went to the superintendent of police and told him of the matter, offering to investigate it when in Italy. He availed himself of my services, informing me, by the way, that he had no clue to the murderer, since the woman had only been in New York a short time and no one in this country seemed to have any motive for killing her.

As soon as I reached Florence I went to the place where the postal card was made and after a good deal of investigation was informed that the picture was that of a young Italian girl who had been selected from a number of competitors to sit as a model for a picture to adorn the card. That is all the information I got from the card manufacturer, but the police soon found out for me that the girl was Liza Maroni, or Signora Andriano; she having married Andriano soon after having her picture placed on the postal card. It was reported that her husband had treated her badly and she had left him. This was as far as the Italian police investigations carried the case. Signora Andriano was not in Florence, but as to where she was there was no information. Andriano also had left the city some time after the departure of his wife, and his whereabouts were not known. The most valuable thing obtained in this connection was a photograph of Andriano which was found in the possession of one of his friends to whom the police went for information. The photograph was given to me for the chief of police in New York.

When I returned to America I called on the superintendent, gave him what information I had collected and the photograph. He thanked me, remarking at the same time, "If the man is in America we shall find him."

He had a number of copies made of the photograph which he gave to persons who were instructed to look among the Italians in New York. He also sent the copies to the superintendents of police in different cities. Six months later the superintendent of police in Philadelphia wrote that one of his agents had discovered a man whose face was identical with the photograph, but the name was not the same.

The case progressed no further for a long while. The man was watched, but no suspicious circumstances noticed. He was a dealer in Italian table oils and wine and of good standing among the Italian colony of the Quaker City. He had been recently married, and by getting the date it was found that the wedding took place three weeks after the murder of the woman whose picture graced the postal card. The police instructed the letter carrier who brought the suspected man's letters to watch for mail sent to him under another name than the one he bore. For nearly a year no suspicious letter came, when at last the postman reported one addressed to the street and number bearing the name of Andriano. The letter was opened and found to be from a mother to her son. The police now considered that they were well on the track of the murderer. They waited awhile for more points, then concluded to arrest the man. They were too late. The bird had flown. He and his wife had locked up their house and gone away in the night.

One morning, taking up my newspaper, I read that Philippo Vertini, an Italian, had died the previous day and on his deathbed confessed that he had killed a woman who had been some time before found murdered in Central park. She had left Italy with him, leaving a husband there, and had lived with him in New Orleans as his wife. There she had left him, and he had come to New York to induce her to join him again. During an altercation in a retired spot in the park he had stabbed her.

Soon after this the man, who had disappeared in Philadelphia, returned to his place of business. The explanation the police got from him was this: He admitted that he was Andriano. His former wife having gone away secretly with another man, he followed them to America to wreak his vengeance. Not finding them, he fell in love with another woman, married her without a divorce and, fearing to be charged with bigamy, lived under an assumed name. When he left his home it was because he had learned the police were watching him. He only heard of his wife's death and knew that he was not a bigamist by her murderer's confession.

HENRY S. SPICER.

THE PINKHAM CURES

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Mrs. Frances Stafford, of 243 E. 14th St., N.Y. City, adds her testimony to the hundreds of thousands on Mrs. Pinkham's files.

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BANK THIEF REPENTS.

Returns \$65,000 Worth of Stolen Securities.

Chicago, Aug. 28.—After stealing certified and canceled checks to an aggregate of \$65,000 a thief has taken the trouble to restore them to the bank from whose messenger he had secured them.

The checks were in a valise which disappeared while George Nelson, messenger for the Milwaukee Avenue State bank, was riding on a crowded cable car.

Apparently the thief thought the valise contained currency, for when he discovered to the contrary he left it with the cashier of a restaurant and sent a telephone message, which put the bank on the track of the missing paper. The police have a good description of the thief.

The War Game at Portland.

Portland, Me., Aug. 28.—At daybreak after a night of considerable activity, both sides in the war game in progress off this port were resting. Various movements made by vessels representing the enemy had been met promptly by the men who manned the forts and other harbor defenses, and several attempts at landing made by forces from the fleet had been repulsed. The operations were conducted entirely by cruisers and torpedo boat destroyers. Desultory firing continued from 3:15 until 5 o'clock, but shortly after dawn the fleet retired to the rendezvous off Hartsell.

The Bloodhound.

The bloodhound will not tear or rend the object of its pursuit. On the contrary, when it overtakes such object it simply evinces joy and gladness. The bloodhound will follow the trail of Indians or any other living creature which leaves a trail.

Bishop Doane Not Ill.

Northeast Harbor, Me., Aug. 28.—The rumor in New York that Right Rev. William C. Doane, bishop of Albany, is critically ill at his summer home here is incorrect. Bishop Doane was ill about ten days ago and under the care of a nurse, but his condition was not considered critical at any time. He is perfectly well now.

ACKNOWLEDGED IT.

Barre Has to Bow to the Inevitable—Scores of Citizens Prove It.

After the reader has read the public statement of this representative citizen of Barre given below, he must fairly, squarely and honestly come to this conclusion: A remedy which cured years ago, which has kept the party in good health since, can be called upon to perform the same work under similar circumstances. Read this:

Veteran Geo. W. Hunt (retired), Miles Lake, says: "When I went to E. A. Brown's drug store in the winter of 1897, for Doan's Kidney Pills I had been subject to attacks of dragging, heavy pains in the small of my back, extending downwards. They were particularly in evidence after a hard day's work or if I exerted myself in any way. Many a night Mrs. Hunt has rubbed my back with liniments and applied hot water for the slight ease those makeshifts afforded. I was so pleased at the results I received from the almost constant pain that when Doan's Kidney Pills stopped it I endorsed them publicly. I have had no reason to alter my opinion in the interim. I can add to my own experience that of others who have used Doan's Kidney Pills and are just as enthusiastic about the benefit received as I."

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INDIAN LAND SCANDAL.

Secretary Hitchcock Will Appoint a Special Investigator.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Secretary Hitchcock of the interior department has announced his intention of having a thorough investigation made into irregularities in Indian Territory by some one not connected with the department. This announcement was made in response to a request from the Dawes commission, dated Muskogee, I. T., Aug. 26, as follows:

"Widespread and continued newspaper criticism of most serious character involving integrity of our work and our fidelity to duty impels us to request that an immediate and searching investigation be instituted and that the president be informed of this desire. A work unparalleled in the history of civilization, the result of years of unremitting toil, is threatened by fanatical reports and questionable journalism. We urge that there be assigned to the work of investigation one whose reputation for honesty, ability and fearlessness is well established and whose findings will be universally accepted."

The secretary replied to the telegram, saying that as soon as the proper man could be secured he would be sent to the territory, with instructions to make a complete and impartial inquiry into conditions there.

INDIAN OUTBREAK IMMINENT.

War Dances in Progress on Leech Lake (Minn.) Reservation.

Chicago, Aug. 28.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from St. Paul, Minn., says: "Reliable advices from Leech Lake reserve state that an outbreak of the Pillagers and Bear island tribes is imminent and that agency officials have begun to remove their household effects and families to Wilker, the nearest railroad town. War dances are in progress."

"The tribal king of the Pillagers, who has just been released from jail, is inciting the young bucks against the whites and is actively supported by the younger element among the tribal chiefs, who are anxious for a fight. The Pillagers have been sullen and ugly for two months, and the situation has just been brought to a head by the tribal troubles."

"All the younger Indians are well armed and are the most ignorant and the most warlike of all the reserve tribes. Chief Flat Mouth and Bug Ahab Ke Shish, powerful chiefs, are urging for peace. Flat Mouth's words have little effect, because he is old and regarded with contempt by the younger element."

FIRE IN PARIS SUBWAY.

Several Persons Hurt, One Fatally In Paris.

Paris, Aug. 28.—A fire which broke out in a car of the Metropolitan Underground railroad at the Hotel de Ville station caused a panic among the passengers, who jumped from the train. Several persons were injured and one woman fractured her skull. The fire was caused by electrical flashes due to defective connection. It was during the rush for the exits that the people were injured.

Seaweed Killing Rice Fields.

Estherwood, La., Aug. 28.—Seaweed is a new rice pest for Louisiana. It grows tremendously and will kill out the best field of rice in a short time once it gets started. It is only found on land where salt water was put last year. Hundreds of acres will be ruined by seaweed and grass.

The Weather.

Occasional showers and warmer, light to fresh east winds.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Quotations of the New York Stock Exchange.

New York, Aug. 27. Money on call easy at 1 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6 1/2 per cent. Exchange, 116 1/2; gold, 116 1/2; balances, 116 1/2. Closing prices: Am. Copper, 87 1/2; Norf. & West., 62 1/2; Atchafson, 62 1/2; Penn. R. R., 123 1/2; B. & O., 83 1/2; Reading, 85 1/2; Brooklyn R. T., 44 1/2; Rock Island, 27 1/2; Ches. & Ohio, 34 1/2; St. Paul, 140 1/2; C. & C. & St. L., 75 1/2; Southern Pac., 44 1/2; Chi. & Northw., 153 1/2; Southern Ry., 22 1/2; D. & H., 164 1/2; South. Ry. of Fla., 83 1/2; Erie, 29 1/2; Sugar, 115 1/2; Gen. Electric, 162 1/2; Texas Pacific, 38 1/2; Illinois Cen., 123 1/2; Union Pacific, 75 1/2; Louis. & Nash., 104 1/2; U. S. Steel, 27 1/2; Manhattan, 124 1/2; U. S. Steel pf., 65 1/2; Mo. Pacific, 63 1/2; West Union, 83 1/2; N. Y. Central, 120 1/2.

General Markets.

New York, Aug. 27. FLOUR—Strongly held and in some instances a shade higher; Minnesota patents, 44 1/2; winter straight, 35 1/2; winter extras, 32 1/2; winter patents, 31 1/2.

WHEAT—Opened stronger on renewed heavy rains in the northwest, together with higher English cables resulting from more rain in the United Kingdom; September, 87 1/2; December, 87 1/2; RYE—Quiet; state and Jersey, 60 1/2; No. 2 western, 60 1/2; f. o. b., 60 1/2. CORN—Neglected here, but firm west on excessive moisture and cooler temperatures; September, 55 1/2; OATS—Nominal; track, white, state, 40 1/2; track, white, western, 40 1/2.

PORK—Dull; mess, 14 1/2; family, 15 1/2. LARD—Quiet; prime western steam, 13 1/2.

BUTTER—Steady to firm; state dairy, 14 1/2; extra creamery, 15 1/2. CHEESE—Quiet; state, full cream fancy, small, colored, 10 1/2; small, white, 10 1/2; large, colored, 10 1/2; large, white, 9 1/2.

EGGS—Stronger; state and Pennsylvania, fancy mixed, 22 1/2; state and Pennsylvania seconds to first, 18 1/2.

SUGAR—Raw strong; fair refining, 34 1/2; centrifugal, 36 1/2; refined firm, crushed, 3 1/2; powdered, 5 1/2.

COFFEES—Firm; New Orleans, 14 1/2; Rio de Janeiro, 14 1/2; Java, 14 1/2.

TALLOW—Quiet; city, 4 1/2; country, 4 1/2.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 25 1/2; good 14 choice, 14 1/2.

EAST AFRICAN ZION.

Jews There Will Have Practically Free Local Government.

London, Aug. 28.—It is the intention of the foreign office to instruct the British commissioner in the East African protectorate to facilitate in every way the work of the committee appointed by the Zionist congress at Basel, Switzerland, to investigate the offer of the British government of a site for a Jewish colony.

It is not believed that the committee will find difficulty in selecting a site, and if the colony is established it will be under the general control of the commissioner as representative of King Edward's government, but this control will be nominal, the idea being to give the Jews practically free local government under their own officials and to enable them to observe their national customs with freedom in municipal legislation.

The foreign office officials say they regard the experiment as important both for the government and for the Jews, as it will determine the ability of the latter to maintain an autonomous government. If it is a success the colony will undoubtedly grow, and should a failure result the government reserves the right to reoccupy the land.

CIRCUS TRAIN WRECKED.

Barnum & Bailey's Performers Have Narrow Escape.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 28.—The third section of the Barnum & Bailey circus train, composed almost entirely of sleeping cars for the performers, was wrecked at Wildwood, Pa., on the Pittsburg and Western railroad, and a serious accident was narrowly averted. As this section of the train was passing on the north bound track a freight train on the south bound track got beyond control of the crew and came dashing down the grade. Just as the last of the sleepers was almost clear the runaway train jumped the track and one car crashed into the rear sleeper, side swiping it and damaging the car badly.

The car had about forty people on board, and they were rudely awakened from their sleep. Both tracks were blocked for a number of hours, and the circus train went through, leaving the one car behind. The performers who were in the injured car were furnished with another and were taken on to join the rest of the circus.

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Alaska Mine "Hoodooed."

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 28.—Because of continued disasters resulting in loss of life 100 men have quit work in the Treadwell mine, on Douglas Island, Alaska. The men do not make any charge of mismanagement or an unsafe condition of the mine. They rather intimate that the property is "hoodooed." In support of this contention they cite that seven miners met violent deaths within a week at Treadwell.

Speech by Secretary Wilson.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 28.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson addressed a particularly interested audience at the Foresters' convention, mainly on forestry and various phases of the country's lumber interests. Speeches were also made by Dr. Roth of the University of Michigan and Professor Ferno of Cornell university.

Well Known Democrat Dead.

Oswego, N. Y., Aug. 28.—Louis L. Flemming, a prominent Democrat of Redfield, for sixteen years supervisor of that town, is dead, aged sixty-six.

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Dr. Woodward Married in Rome.

Paris, Aug. 28.—Professor Benjamin D. Woodward of Columbia university was married at noon in the American church in the Rue de Berri to Miss Gladys Van Buren Piver, the California singer. Dr. Thurber, the pastor of the church, officiated and John Monroe and Henry Vignaud, charge d'affaires of the United States embassy, were witnesses for Professor Woodward and M. Delaunay Belleville, honorary president of the chamber of commerce of Paris, and M. Emile Laurens were witnesses for the bride. A small invited party were present at the wedding breakfast which followed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward later started on an extended wedding trip.

Tying Shoe Laces.

To make sure that the laces of your shoes will not come untied make an ordinary bow and before drawing it tight turn the right hand loop from you through the center. Then pull hard on the loops. Untie by pulling the ends.

Prince Tuan in Peking.

Shanghai, Aug. 28.—Chinese reports from Peking assert that the banished Prince Tuan is there incognito and that he has had several secret interviews with the dowager empress while the emperor was asleep. It is further reported that the literary chancellors who are being sent to all the provinces are all reactionaries, with orders to report what prospect there is of inclining the people against foreigners and for foreign reforms.

One Woman's Record.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Aug. 28.—Married five times within twenty-five years made a widow once by death, divorced from three husbands and now a bride is the record of Mrs. Mary L. Muir-Thompson-Coleman-Neal-Conway-Smith of Ohio Falls, Ind., a suburb of Jeffersonville. The last marriage has just taken place. George D. Smith of Ohio Falls being the groom. Mrs. Smith is not more than fifty years old.

Stocking Miners Enjoined.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 28.—Chancellor John C. Curdick has issued temporary injunctions against a number of strikers at the Virginia mines, near Bessemer, and several of the officers of District No. 20, restraining them from in any way interfering with the operation of the mine, trespassing upon the property or attempting to make other miners stop work.

A Postmaster Appointed.

Washington, Aug. 28.—John B. Marshall has been appointed fourth class postmaster at Polk, Pa.

"OUR BROTHERS IN BLACK."

"An Address From the South to the North."

The negro problem, so conspicuous in both the north and south at present, has inspired a strong poem, "Our Brothers in Black; an Address From the South to the North," by Clarence Ousley, editor of the Houston Post. This poem, which, in the opinion of many southerners, expresses the south's true attitude toward the negro, is in part as follows:

We forged, too, a bond of affection More firm than the title you gave. The weal of the served and the serving, The love of the master and slave. We muddled the breads of their mummies; They fed from the fat of our stores. And, called to the far field of conflict, We left them on guard at our door.

We bowed to the God of the battle— We own he was wiser than we— And patiently took up the burden Of teaching the bond to be free. For wronging, if wrong was committed, The rod had been laid to our back. Yet, stricken, we know it was ours To guard our brothers in black.

Instead you made wreckage of statehood; You loosed us the terrors of race. And only our God and our virgins Know what we were called on to face. At last, by the right of the Saxon, By strength that was bred in the bone, By law that is higher than statute, We came in the end to our own.

Again we gave cheerful compliance; We took up the burden with care; We gave them the blessing of learning; We pay—they receive—share for share. And full opportunity opens To black man and white man the same To follow the bent of his genius To fortune and culture and fame.

By parallel lines they are treading The highways all peoples have trod. But socially there is a chasm. Dug deep in the wisdom of God. To span it were death to both races; But drunk on your meddlesome brew, They reel to the doom of the foolish Or madden on wormwood and rue.

We know them; they know us. Between us Is knowledge you never can know. We know, for the centuries taught us; They know, for they learned it in war. So, hands off! The burden is ours. And, faithfully plodding along, We'll move through the night to the morning And answer to God for the wrong.

Marriage in China.

A preposterous acquaintance between a Chinese male and female prevents them from marriage. For this reason a man seldom weds a girl of his town.

The Prickly Pear.

The prickly pear of Africa is so tenacious of life that a leaf or even a small portion of a leaf if thrown on the ground strikes out roots almost immediately and becomes the parent of a fast growing plant.